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In re Application of:

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Application No.: **Not Yet Assigned**

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PCT/AU2005/000389 under 35 U.S.C. 371, for
METHOD OF BUILDING A DIRECT
SMELTING PLANT

Group Art Unit: **Not Yet Assigned**

Examiner: **Not Yet Assigned**

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.